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H. RES. 321

Congratulating the boys' basketball team at Eisenhower High School in Rialto, California, for winning the State championship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2009

Mr. BACA submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the boys' basketball team at Eisenhower High School in Rialto, California, for winning the State championship.

Whereas, on March 20, 2009, before a crowd of family, friends, and fans, the boys' basketball team at Eisenhower High School in Rialto, California won the State title during the California Interscholastic Federation Division 2 competition;

Whereas the Eisenhower Eagles ended their 32–3 season with a 73–61 victory over the Rocklin Thunder;

Whereas the March 20, 2009, win was the 23d consecutive victory for the Eagles, and occurred in front of a crowd of over 10,000 in Sacramento;

Whereas Eisenhower's remarkable run to the State title came after a 28–3 regular season, playoff victories over State powerhouse Loyola, and a win against highly rated Leuzinger;

Whereas the historic victory marks the first ever California Interscholastic Federation State title for a school from San Bernardino County;

Whereas many believed that the Eagles players were too small, but the undersized Eisenhower squad, led by head coach Steve Johnson, achieved victory against a taller Rocklin team by causing turnovers with quick-handed tactics and dominating the Thunder in transition points up and down the court;

Whereas Coach Johnson has led the Eagles program back to greatness only 2 years after taking a several year hiatus from coaching;

Whereas each of the 9 Eisenhower players deserve recognition;

Whereas the team showed a commitment to excellence throughout the season;

Whereas due to the team effort of team members Nazareth Richardson, Andrew Bock, Henry Vinson, Kirby Gardner, Bernard Ireland, Darren Lockett, Alex Varner, Keyon Sayles, Toriano Harris, Nicholas Carter, Devin Garner, Bryan Bock, Durell Miller, Earvin Sanchez, Albert Jackson, head coach Steve Johnson, assistant coaches Redus Reed, Allen Bulteman, Jon Costa, Eric Jackson, and Ray Jimmerson, managers Malaina Knowles and Ayotunde Ajijolaiya, and Principal Malcolm Butler, the Eagles were victorious;

Whereas the opposing team claimed that the Eagles were relentless;

Whereas this win was possible due to the support of the parents, assistant coaches, and school administrators, who all played a critical role in Eisenhower's State Championship run;

Whereas the team stayed true to their fight song, "Fight you Eagles, fight for glory, fight with all your might. Ever loyal, true and faithful to the Green and White Rah! Rah! Rah! Never failing, bravely playing, Raise your colors high. WE ARE PROUD OF YOU AND TRUE TO EISENHOWER HIGH!"; and

Whereas the Eagles made the Inland community proud and brought hope to the community in these times of economic difficulty: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates the boys' basketball team at
3 Eisenhower High School in Rialto, California for
4 winning the State title during the California Inter-
5 scholastic Federation Division 2 competition;

6 (2) recognizes the significant achievements of
7 the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support
8 staff, whose dedication and hard work helped the
9 boys' basketball team win the State title; and

10 (3) respectfully requests the Clerk of the House
11 of Representatives to transmit copies of this resolution
12 to the following for appropriate display:

1 (A) Coach Steve Johnson, Eisenhower
2 High School, Rialto, California.

3 (B) Athletic Director, Eisenhower High
4 School, Rialto, California.

5 (C) Principal, Eisenhower High School, Ri-
6 alto, California.

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